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INTELLIGENCE - SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance, 31-12-1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BUIGNY-les Gamaches. -1-12-1917			No Entry.	
2-12-1917			Capt. K. M. Whiting detailed to report to C.O., 4th. Aus. Pioneer Battalion as R.M.O. vice Capt. Tilling who is proceeding on leave.	
do.			Capt. R. H. Crisp detailed to report to C.O., 10th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade as R.M.O. vice Capt. Quilty who is proceeding on leave.	
BUIGNY -les Gamaches.	7-12-1917		Unit moved with and under orders of 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade from GAMACHES Area to PERONNE area by train. Operation Order No. 2 is attached.	
PERONNE: AREA	8-12-1917		Three reinforcements reported for duty.	
	9-12-1917		Ambulance moved from ETRICOURT to PERONNE, under instructions of 13th. Aus. Inf. Bge.	
PERONNE:	9-12-1917		Eight Reinforcements reported for duty.	
do.	10-12-1917		Evacuation of 13th. Aus. Inf. Brigade is to be performed by 4th. Aus. Field Ambulance and three "Sunbeam" Ambulances detached to 4th. Aus. Field Ambulance to assist in this work.	
do.	12-12-1917		34th. Aus. Dental Unit detached with 13th. Aus. Inf. Brigade Headquarters to perform Dental Work for the Brigade.	
do.	13-12-1917		Major D. D. Cade transferred to Command No. 3 Aus. Field Ambulance.	
do.	15-12-1917		Two reinforcements reported for duty. Unit now seven other ranks over establishment.	
do.	20-12-1917		Capt. G.P. Arnold reported for duty from Reinforcements.	
do.	20-12-1917		Capt. R.H. Crisp returned from temporary duty with 10th. Aus. Field Artillery Brigade.	
do.	22-12-1917		Capt. K.M. Whiting returned from temporary duty with 4th. Aus. Pioneer Battalion.	
do.	23-12-1917		No. 13159 Pte. Cardell, H.I. left the Unit for return to Australia for discharge.	
do.	25-12-1917		Two other ranks left the Unit to report to Cadet Battalion.	
do.	28-12-1917		Capt. R.H. Crisp detailed for temporary duty as R.M.O., 50th. Aus. Inf. Battalion vice Capt. Sewell proceeding on leave.	
do.	29-12-1917		Two other ranks left for Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. to be interviewed in respect to Applications for admittance to Indian Training College with a view to appointment to permanent Commission in the Indian Army.	
do.	30-12-1917		No Entry.	
do.	31-12-1917		No Entry.	

W. D. R. J.
Lieut. Colonel.
Comdg., 13th. Aus. Field Ambulance.

13th Australian Field Ambulance

Operation Order No. 2

by

Lieut. Colonel H.K. PRY, D.S.O.,

Comdgd., 13th Australian Field Ambulance.

Reference Map ABBEVILLE 1/100,000

1. In accordance with 4th Aus. Div. A.M.C. Order No. 77 dated 4.12.17 13th Aus. Field Ambulance less Mechanical Transport will move by train with 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. Group.
Mechanical Transport of 4th, 12th and 13th Aus. Field Ambulances will report to Major Morlet, 13th Aus. Field Ambulance on departure of the respective Units. Cars will be despatched by Major Morlet acting under instructions of A.D.M.S. direct.
2. In accordance with 13th Aus. Infantry Bde. Order No. 105 dated 4.12.17, 13th Aus. Field Ambulance will move on the 7th inst. by road to WOINCOURT via DARGHIES and entrain. Column will march out from BUIGNY les GAMACHES at 5.15a.m. Entrainment to be complete by 9.30a.m. Starting time of train 10.4a.m.
3. Capt. D.H. Steele M.C. in charge of billeting party proceeded to PERONNE on the 4th inst. under Brigade arrangements.
4. DRESS: Full marching Order with 2 blankets will be carried on the man.
5. SUPPLIES: Iron rations and one days ration will be carried on the man, one days ration on supply wagon of Div. Train ~~xxxx~~ attached to Unit. One days forage will be carried with animals, one days forage in supply wagon of Div. Train.
6. No personnel will enter station yard until R.T.O. is ready for entraining. No troops are to travel in brake vans.
Breastropes for horse trucks will be provided by the Unit.
Lashing ropes for vehicles will be supplied by R.T.O.
7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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5th December 1917.

Lieut. Colonel,
Comdgd., 13th Aus. Field Ambulance

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| 3. 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. Hqrs. | 8. do. |
| 4. Transport Officer | 9. do. |
| 5. Quartermaster | |